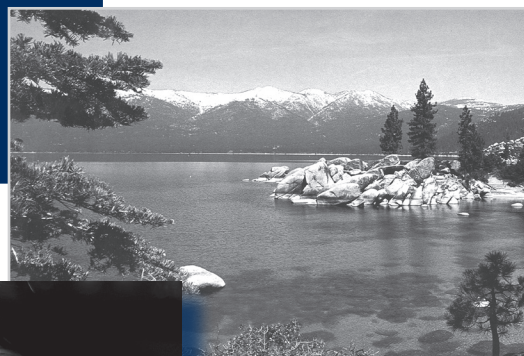


2010 Nevada Department of Education **Mega Conference**

Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Paving the Way to
Success for All Students



Registration Brochure



April 23 – 25, 2010

Harrah's Lake Tahoe
Stateline, Nevada



<http://www.doe.nv.gov/schoolimprovement/mega.html>

*Offered in collaboration with the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED) and
the International Center for Leadership in Education*

About the Conference

Through the annual Mega Conference, the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) has been bringing quality professional development on current trends and best practices in education to Nevada for the past decade. Join us as we celebrate Nevada's successes and highlight strategies and programs that have been proven to effect change for learners and educators alike. This three-day conference will attract teachers, administrators, parents, paraprofessionals, and other service providers from around the state. Sessions focus on using research to prepare students across the grade span for college and career success. Presentations will focus on using the RRR framework, Brain-Research and what we know about struggling learners to meet the demands of 21st century life. Take advantage of this opportunity to connect with educational leaders from across Nevada and participate in sessions with nationally renowned speakers.

Opening Keynote



Ken Carter
Educator and Youth Mentor

When famed high school basketball coach Ken Carter literally locked his undefeated, state play-off bound team out of the gym and forced them to hit the books and stop counting on athletic potential as the only ticket out of a tough, inner city life, he sent a powerful message. The film, *Coach Carter*, based on

the lock-out and starring Samuel L. Jackson as the Coach, is just one more testimony to the strength of his convictions. At the podium, Coach Carter scores with hard-hitting advice about accountability, integrity, teamwork and leadership to succeed both on and off the basketball court.

A successful businessman when he accepted the head basketball coach position at Richmond High School (Richmond, CA) in 1997, Carter had a monumental task at hand. The students were failing academically at an alarming rate, and the athletic programs were in a pathetic state. Within two years, he had virtually single-handedly turned around the school, physically cleaning up (trash, graffiti, drug dealers), and also mentally cleaning

house as well. A contract with each player and his parents signed spelled out crucial rules of conduct: treat others with respect; shun drugs and alcohol; sit in the front of class and participate; wear suit and tie on game day; and maintain a minimum of a 2.3 GPA. And when not all of the players lived up to these obligations, the play-off bound, undefeated Richmond Oilers (13-0)—including Carter's own son, Damien—were locked out of the gym and pulled from any basketball-related activities to learn how to "...rise as a team." Academically solid players tutored weaker ones, and the whole team improved their GPAs. Most importantly, these inner city students ultimately returned not just to the court, but to a new standard of winning, one which transcended the hoop dreams of high school, to college educations and futures they might never have imagined for themselves.

In addition to coaching SlamBall's champion team, The Rumble, Carter is owner/operator of Prime Time Publishing, Prime Time Sports, and is an author. He is also founder and chairman of the Coach Ken Carter Foundation, a non profit organization which develops, promotes and provides education, training and mentoring programs for minority youths. In 2002, he was selected to carry the Olympic torch for the San Francisco Bay Area/Richmond California.

Nevada Distinguished Schools

Friday, April 23, 2010



Please join us Friday evening following the opening keynote in recognizing Nevada's Distinguished Schools- schools designated as Exemplary, High Achieving, Title I Distinguished and Title I Distinguished nominees.



Representatives from Crestwood and Culley Elementary Schools, 2009 Title I Distinguished Schools with Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent.

Share Fair

The 2010 Mega Conference will once again include the Friday Night Share Fair, featuring non-profit organizations that provide resources for educators. The Share Fair will be held Friday following the Highlighting Nevada Schools Presentation. If you work with a program or non-profit organization that is a great resource for educators, don't miss this excellent opportunity to let educators know what your resource is all about, in this informal setting. Interested organizations should contact Diana Rovetti at rovetti@unr.edu to discuss participation in this opportunity to connect with Nevada's educators, parents, and policymakers.



Concurrent Session Information

The 2010 Mega Conference, *Where the Rubber Meets the Road; Paving the way to Student Success*, will feature breakout sessions from highlighted Nevada schools as well as presentations from experts on initiatives that have found success by focusing on brain based learning, 21st century learners, Rigor and Relevance and meeting the needs of the struggling learner. Learn from practicing educators and administrators about best practices they are using in their schools and classrooms to pave the way to student success.

Please visit the Mega Conference web site for more details about breakout sessions. Information will be posted as presentations are confirmed.

Night at the Movies

Can't get enough Coach Carter? Join us Saturday night for an optional screening of the movie *Coach Carter*.

Coach Carter tells the inspiring true story of our keynote speaker, Ken Carter, a controversial high school basketball coach. Making headlines for his emphasis on the importance of academics over athletics, Carter requests all the members of the team to sign contracts, promising to maintain a certain grade point average. When the players fail to live up to this agreement, Carter benches the entire team, locking the gym and forfeiting games to prove his point, bringing protests from the community.

Refreshments will be served.



Additional Information

Hotel Information

The 2010 Mega Conference will be held at Harrah's Lake Tahoe. Located near the crystal waters of America's largest alpine lake, Lake Tahoe, and surrounded by the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains, Harrah's Lake Tahoe provides the perfect setting for dialogue about moving forward in your school improvement process while offering extraordinary services and outstanding resort amenities.

A block of rooms has been reserved at both Harrah's and Harveys. Call (800) 455-4770 and reference the Nevada Mega Conference using the group code S04MGCF by March 23, 2010 to get the special rates. Rates are as follows:

Harrah's

Sunday - Thursday- \$75 (+ tax)
Friday- \$95 (+ tax)
Saturday- \$135 (+ tax)

Harveys (Mountain Tower)

Sunday - Thursday- \$55 (+ tax)
Friday- \$75 (+ tax)
Saturday- \$95 (+ tax)

Harveys (Lake Tower)

Sunday - Thursday- \$65 (+ tax)
Friday - \$85 (+ tax)
Saturday - \$115 (+ tax)



Please note that due to hotel policy, your credit card will be charged for the first night's cost at the time you make your reservation.

Transportation

Harrah's/Harveys Lake Tahoe is located 55 miles south of Reno in Stateline, Nevada. Convenient motor coach transportation to and from the airport is offered by the South Tahoe Express. Please call 866-89-TAHOE or visit <http://www.south-tahoeexpress.com> for rates and information.

Conference Fees

The cost of the Mega Conference is \$100.00 per person. Registrations must be received with payment by April 16, 2010 and are limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be received in writing (fax, e-mail, or mail) by 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2010 to receive a full refund. Cancellations made between April 17 & April 22, 2010 will be subject to a processing fee of \$25. Cancellations after April 22 and no-shows will not be refunded.

Educational Credit

- Various amounts of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available from the Nevada Department of Education, depending on the number of hours attended (every 7.5 hours = .5 CEU)
- One Professional Development Education (PDE) credit is being solicited from Clark County School District
- One University Credit (graduate) is being solicited from Sierra NV College

Questions

For more information the Mega Conference, please contact Ida Roberts at iroberts@unr.edu or 775-682-9055.

For more information about the Mega Conference Share Fair, please contact Diana Rovetti at rovetti@unr.edu or 775-682-9063.

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Agenda-At-A-Glance

Mega Conference Friday, April 23

Mega Conference Registration Opens
3:00 p.m.

Opening Keynote
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Highlighting Nevada's Schools Session/
Share Fair Poster Presentations**
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Mega Conference Saturday, April 24

Full Breakfast Buffet
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Keynote Address
8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions
9:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Lunch Break (box lunch provided)
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

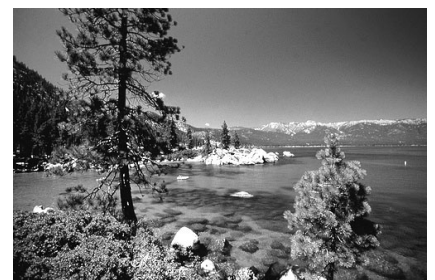
Concurrent Sessions
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
2:15 – 3:45 p.m.
Refreshment break from 3:45 – 4:15 p.m.
4:15 – 5:45 p.m.

Movie Night- Coach Carter
6:00 p.m.
Refreshments will be served

Mega Conference Sunday, April 25

Continental Breakfast
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions
8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.



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☐ Ms. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Mr. ☐ Dr. Name: _____

School District: _____ School/Organization: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone (w/Area Code) Home: _____ Work: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Please Identify Your **PRIMARY** Role:

- ☐ General Education Teacher
- ☐ Special Education Teacher
- ☐ ESL or Bilingual Education Teacher
- ☐ Speech/Language Pathologist
- ☐ School Psychologist
- ☐ Counselor
- ☐ School Administrator
- ☐ District Administrator
- ☐ State Administrator
- ☐ Paraprofessional
- ☐ Parent/Parent Advocate
- ☐ University Professional
- ☐ Other: _____

Please Identify Grade Level(s):

- ☐ Early Childhood/Preschool
- ☐ Elementary - Primary Grades
- ☐ Elementary - Intermediate Grades
- ☐ Middle School/Junior High
- ☐ High School
- ☐ All Grades
- ☐ Other: _____

Don't forget to make your room reservations by March 23!

Call the Harrahs/Harveys Lake Tahoe at 1-800-455-4770 and use the code Harveys Lake Tahoe, S04MGCF

Federal funding sources require us to request this information, it is optional for you to provide it:

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Date of Birth: _____

Ethnicity:

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian and Alaska Indian
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Multiracial
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____



Education:

Academic Degree/Credential Achieved: _____

Conference Fees:

- ☐ Mega Conference: \$100

Payment Method:

- ☐ Purchase Order # _____
- ☐ Check (payable to the Board of Regents)
- ☐ Credit Card*: ☐  or ☐ 

Name on card (print): _____

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Billing Address: _____

Authorized signature: _____

*Credit card charges will be to REPC (Research and Educational Planning Center)

Please note: If you are paying via a district Purchase Order or request for check payment, please fax in a copy of your completed registration first in order to ensure your spot in the conference- we will match payment to your registration when received.

Personal relationship with disabilities.

Are you a... (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Person with a disability
- ☐ Person with a special health care need
- ☐ Parent of a person with a disability
- ☐ Parent of a person with a special health care need
- ☐ Family member of a person with a disability
- ☐ Family member of a person with a special health care need

Send registration form and payment to:

Ida Roberts

UNR/NCED

Mail Stop 285

Reno, NV 89557

OR

Via Fax:

(775) 784-4997

Questions: Phone (775) 682-9055